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EXAMINER:

FOR: NEGATIVE ELECTRODE ACTIVE MATERIAL FOR BATTERY, ANODE
CAN FOR BATTERY, ZINC NEGATIVE PLATE FOR BATTERY,
MANGANESE DRY BATTERY AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING
SAME

LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Submitted herewith are a Chinese Office Action (with English translation) and a European Office Action for the Examiner's consideration. The reference(s) cited therein have been previously filed on May 8, 2006.

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